

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 193 without my signature.

This bill is premature, and therefore unnecessary at this time, since the Long Beach Unified School District has not received a reduction in its K-3 Class Size Reduction (CSR) program funding level. I have previously supported legislation that held districts harmless for loss of CSR funding due to unexpected fires that have disrupted operations at certain schools. However, this bill sets a precedent by providing a hold harmless provision of CSR funding prospectively. In the event there are school closures during the 2009-10 through 2011-12 school years, legislation can be considered at that time.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger